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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Hosuk Song

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11/2/05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3 is/~~are~~ withdrawn from consideration. *Canceled*.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schull(US 5,509,070).

Claim 1: Schull disclose a recording medium readable by an information processor, having at least digital sound and a program for controlling the reproduction of the digital sound data separately recorded wherein the digital sound is encrypted in (col.6,lines 51-53;col.14,lines 46-50). Schull discloses a decrypting method and key information for decrypting the encrypted digital sound data is recorded in the program in (col.14,lines 48-50,57-59).

Claim 2: Schull discloses an area where encrypted digital sound data is recorded and an area where a program for controlling operation of the information processor is recorded in (col.6,lines 51-53;col.14,lines 46-50). Schull discloses a decrypting method and key information for decrypting the encrypted digital sound data recorded in the program in (col.14,lines 48-50,57-59).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schull(US 5,509,070) in view of Kyle(US 6,141,681).

Claim 4: Schull disclose area where encrypted digital sound data are recorded records a plurality of digital sound data encrypted by encrypting methods, and decrypting methods and key information are

recorded for recorded digital sound data in (col.14,lines 46-50,57-59). Schull does not specifically disclose plurality of digital sound data is encrypted by a plurality of encryption methods and plurality of decryption methods. Kyle discloses this limitations in (col.3,lines 39-41;col.5,lines 24-32). It would have been obvious to person of ordinary skill in the art at the time invention was made to encrypt plurality of sound data with plurality of encryption methods and plurality of decryption methods as taught in Kyle with software protection system of Schull because using a single encryption/decryption method allows hackers to hijack just one key in order to access plurality of data files where employing a multiple encryption/decryption methods makes difficult for hackers to gain access to plurality of data.

Response to Applicant's arguments

3. Claims 1-2,4 are pending. The previous grounds of rejection based on the Kikinis patent is withdrawn in view of Applicant's arguments in the Amendment filed on 11/2/05. However, newly discovered prior art has necessitated new grounds of rejection. The new grounds of rejection are presented above. The delay in citation of the newly discovered prior art is regretted.


USPTO Contact Information

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hosuk Song whose telephone number is 571-272-3857. The examiner can normally be reached on Tue-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached on 571-272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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